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ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had taken a decision in September, 2006 to sell petrol mixed with 5% ethanol in the whole country barring certain states:-

(b) if so, the details of the states where this mixed petrol is being sold alongwith the details of the oil companies selling it;

(c) The average monthly consumption of ethanol mixed petrol, State-wise;

(d) Whether some problem are being faced in selling ethanol blended petrol; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being take to resolve these problems?

Answer

Minister of the State in the MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The ethanol blended petrol supplies have commenced in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Uttaranchal, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra (partially) and Andhra Pradesh (partially) by the public sector Oil Marketing Companies viz. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Due to shortage of spirit, the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme has been kept in abeyance in Tamil Nadu. In Bihar and Jharkhand the tenders have been finalised for supply of ethanol for the period upto March, 2007. However, due to shortage of ethanol, State Government of Bihar has imposed embargo on ethanol supply to Oil Marketing Companies and hence EBP programme could not be implemented in the States.

(c) Average monthly consumption of petrol/ethanol blended petrol in the notified States/Union territories is given in the Annexure attached.

(d) & (e) The EBP programme could not be implemented in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa due to levy of high taxes/duties by the State Governments. The state Government of West Bengal and Kerala are yet to notify the applicable taxes/levies on ethanol meant for doping with petrol.

The matter has been taken up with the concerned State Governments to co-operate in the implementation of EBP programme by reducing the duties etc. on ethanol meant for doping with petrol.